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悲しみと欲望が混沌する街、スラムストリート。そこには死者を蘇生してくれるという
ネクロマンサーが住んでいる。人々は大切な人ともう一度会う為に、今日も彼のもとを訪れる。
人は死した時に何を選ぶのか。誰もが直面する永遠の命題で綴る第2巻！

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Slum Street -
A lawless area where sorrow and desire mingle together.

Around that corner, on 53rd St.

Lives a man rumored to have
the ability to bring the dead back to life,
A Necromancer.

If someone you love, treasure,
and need has died,
And your most desired wish is
to see them again,
Gather the bones,
not leaving a single fragment,
and come,
For a Necromancer will take
three years of your life,
And resurrect them.

Ricott Pronema

A FEMALE DETECTIVE BURNING HOT WITH THE FLAME OF JUSTICE. SHE IS STICKING HER NECK OUT TRYING TO "REHABILITATE" ASUTSUO.

However, the resurrected person has a much stronger heart than in their previous life... Any desires and special characteristics they had upon death will be amplified
Asutsuo Johann Faust
A NECROMANCER. HE REVIVES THE DEAD UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, HOWEVER HIS REASONS REMAIN UNKNOWN. A SUSPICIOUS
Stolas
ASUTSUO'S COMPANION A DEMON IN THE FORM OF AN OWL LIKES CHOCOLATE PARFAITS

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~ the poison which burns the body ~

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~ Impulse ~

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~ An ugly guardian ~

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~ An ugly guardian ~

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~ The thing which hands it down ~

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HEY YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!

SO.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING THERE?
YOUR PARENTS MUST BE WORRIED
I DON'T KNOW MY FATHER.
I WAS AN ACCIDENTAL CHILD, SO MY MOTHER THINKS OF ME AS A BOTHER
I THOUGHT, IT WOULD BE BEST IF I DIDN'T EXIST.
SAME HERE
EH?

ME TOO,
I GOT IN THE WAY OF HER GETTING MEN, SO I WAS THROWN OUT..
WE ARE...
...THE SAME, HUH?
fufu ...
that's right
But the person I fell in love with.. was a drug smuggler.

第6話
身を焦がす毒
the poison which burns the body

There is where he lives, A man able to bring the dead back to life.
The Necromancer
WE'RE HERE. THE RUMORED SHOP.
IS THIS REALLY ALRIGHT..
Slum Street, A place where sorrow and desire mingle together.
IF THIS GOES WELL, WE WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE COMFORTABLY...
DON'T WORRY!
LETS GO!
YEAH

Welcome.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE BROUGHT ANY BONES WITH YOU. WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
OH MY!
IF WE NEED IT, YOU CAN USE HER LIFE
I HEARD YOU CAN BRING BACK THE DEAD...
THE NAME'S JEAN

REVIVE YOU
I CAN'T ...
BE-CAUSE YOU...
AH?
...seem to be rotten straight down to the marrow, aren't you?

PLEASE DO IT!
YOU WANNA SAY THAT AGAIN?!
PLEASE DO IT!
I WANT TO LET HIM DO AS HE WANTS!
I don't mind if you use my life!

FINE THEN.
If you can follow
a certain stipulation...

I AM TRULY THANKFUL
BY THE WAY...
IS IT OKAY TO CONTINUE LIKE THIS?
WITH HIM...

IF YOU KNEW HIM, YOU WOULD SEE HIS KINDNESS
No matter what happens, I am in love with him.
AH COMING!
OI! HURRY UP!

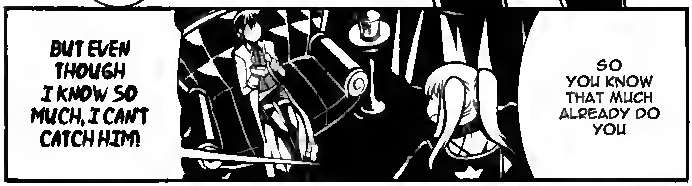
fufu...
Love is quite sinful isn't it...

IT IS AS EFFECTIVE AS THE OLD STUFF IN SMALLER AMOUNTS!
THIS IS THE NEW DRUG WE GOT THROUGH MY PERSONAL ROUTE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS, COME ON AND TRY IT YOURSELF.

OOH!
HOW IS IT? DO YOU LIKE THIS FEELING OF FREEDOM?
IT'S WONDER-FUL!
Hehe... Now I can kiss the life of a syndicate grunt good-bye...
I WILL GLADLY DO BUSINESS WITH YOU!
...and I can get the hell out of Slum Street.
JEAN...
YOU'RE STILL USING ...

JEAN
If I have Jean...
YOU GET YOUR INTELLI-GENCE PAST AS USUALLY DETECTIVE
HE CAME HERE DIDN'T HE!
THAT JEAN..

JEAN L'TORITTE..
A DRUG SMUGGLER ATTACHED TO A MAJOR SYNDICATE IT SEEMS HE HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVELY CIRCULATING A NEW NARCOTIC AND UPSETTING ESTABLISHED TURFS
ALL THE MAFIOSOS IN THE AREA ARE EXTREMELY TENSE


BUT EVEN THOUGH I KNOW SO MUCH, I CAN'T CATCH HIM!
SO YOU KNOW THAT MUCH ALREADY DO YOU

IT'S HORRI-FYING..
. BECAUSE THERE IS NOBODY WHO WILL COOPERATE WITH THEM
WELL THIS IS SLUM STREET, A LAWLESS DISTRICT THAT NOT EVEN THE POLICE CAN CARELESSLY STICK THEIR HANDS INTO ..
SLUM STREET
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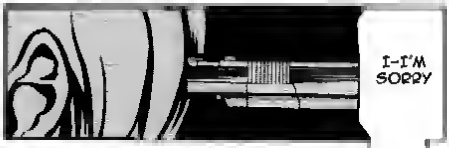
Fufu... Nobody would mind if you let him go!
How can you just sit there cheerfully eating white chocolate!
I AM A DETECTIVE!
I CAN'T DO THAT!
IF I HAD TO SAY, THIS IS...
"Amphisbaena"

A TWO-HEADED SNAKE THAT MOVES BY BITING ITSELF INTO A HOOP
BECAUSE OF ITS TWO HEADS IT CAN GO "FORWARD" IN EITHER DIRECTION, THEREFORE IS A SYMBOL OF "POSSIBILITY".
HOWEVER, THE FANGS OF BOTH HEADS POSESS DEADLY VENOM.

Without it even noticing, it will dissolve its body with its own venom.

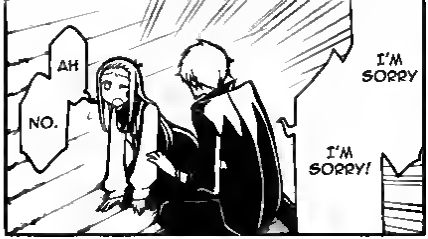
HUH?!
YOU'RE GOING BACK ON OUR DEAL?!


I-I'M SORRY

A LOT HAS HAPPE-NED ON MY END...

AH
OI!!
SO WELL, THAT'S THAT

WHAT THE FUCK!!
SHIT, THEY'RE MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME!
DRUGS -
DAMN, WHERE ARE THE DRUGS!
JEAN
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
THIS IS THE THIRD TIME TODAY?! WHAT IS GOING ON...!
SHUT UP!
KYA!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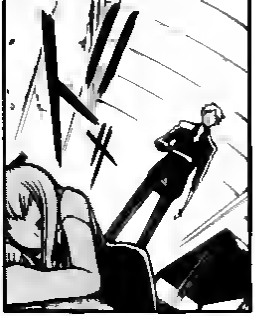
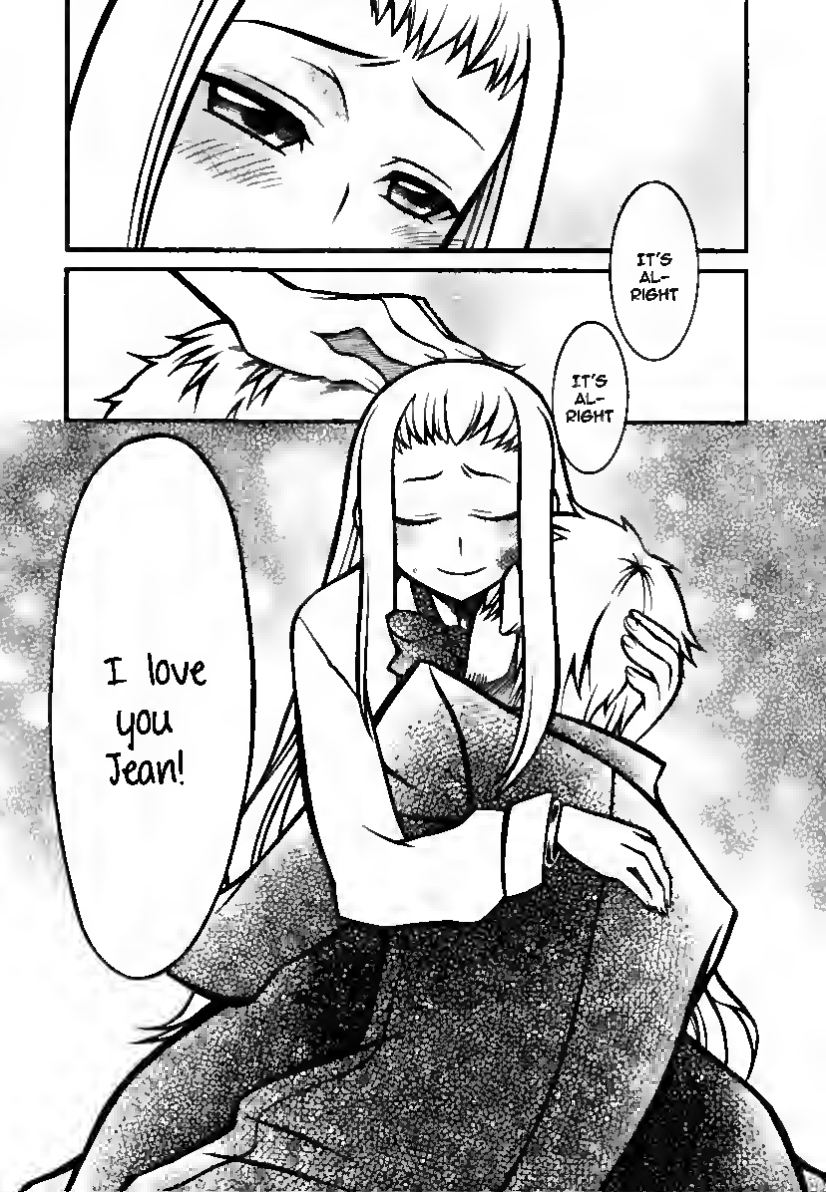
NO.
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY!



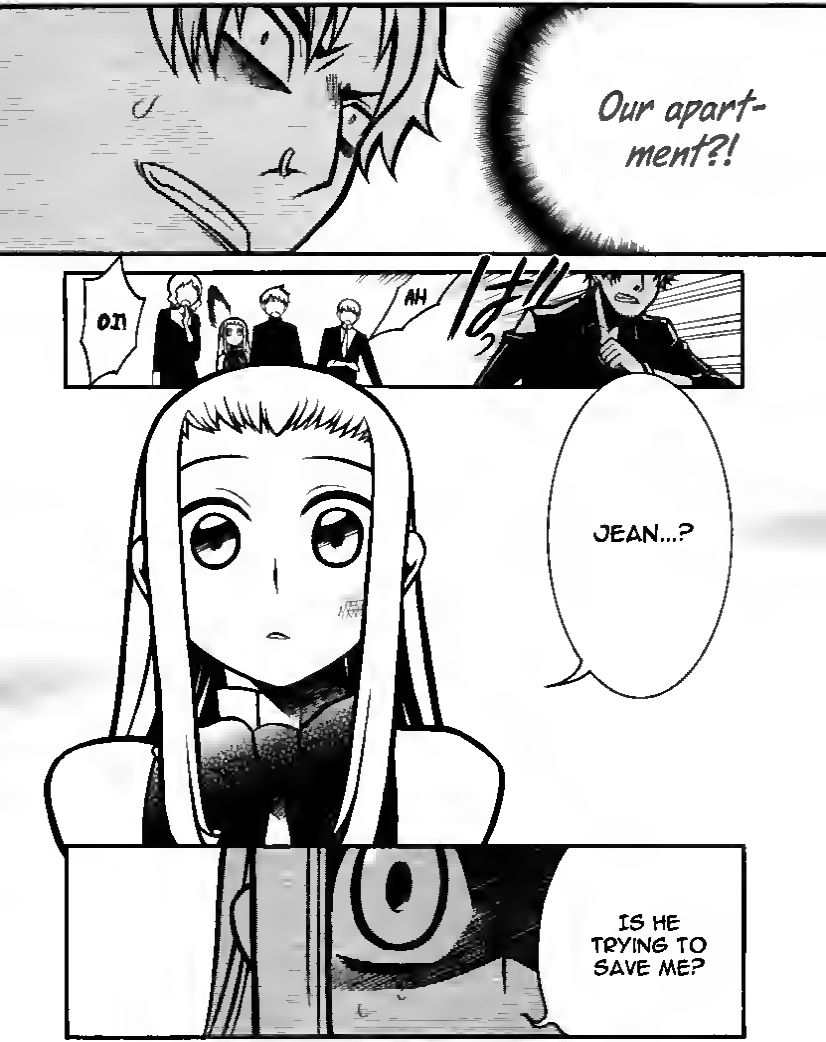
I got pissed
And I hurt you again...

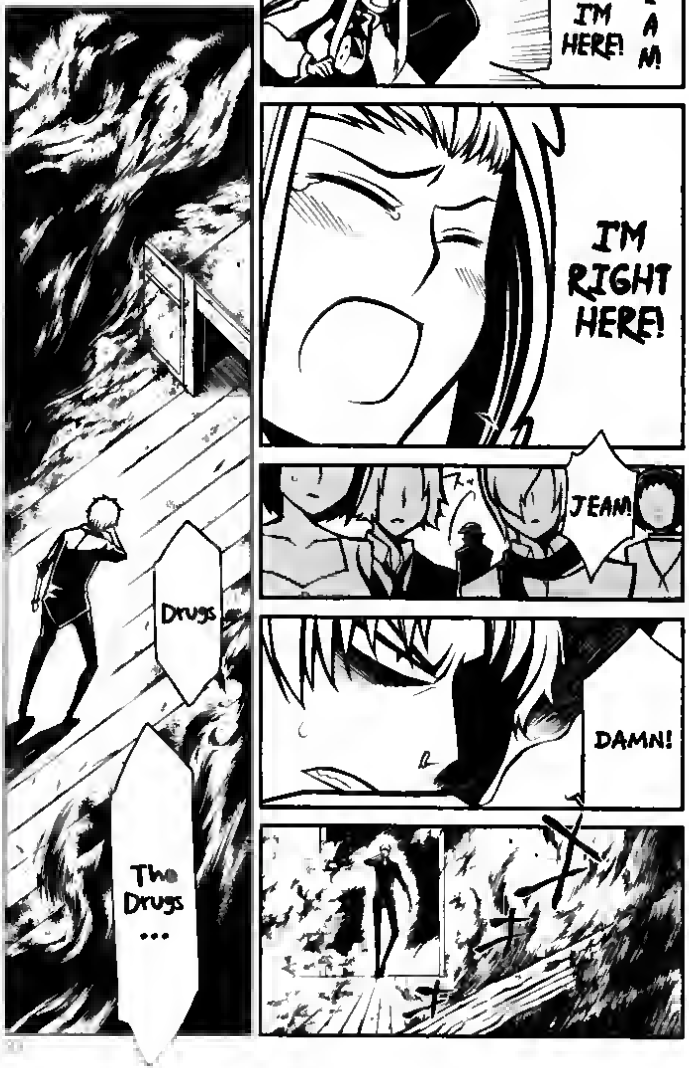
I...
I...

FORGIVE ME!!
PLEASE..
DON'T LEAVE ME.
PLEASE...
YOU'RE ALL I HAVE!


IT'S AL-RIGHT
IT'S AL-RIGHT
I love you Jean!

I'll call it quits today.
DAMN, I COULDN'T FIND ANY CUSTOM-ERS..
FIRE!
AR-SON?


Our apartment?!
OH
AH
JEAN...?
IS HE TRYING TO SAVE ME?


JEAN!
I'M HERE!
I'M RIGHT HERE!
JEAN!
DAMN!
Drugs
The Drugs ...

Hehe... They're safe
If I have these, I have money...
I'LL JUST GET BACK UP AGAIN!

NO WAY...

Jean
...

Hello!

I BEG OF YOU! PLEASE SAVE HIM!
What are you saying?
Fufu...
That time...
I told you didn't I...?

WHEN YOU DIE,
YOU MUST NOT BE CREMATED.
BUT!!
...So

fufu
...
Did
you
know?
Je
...
Jean?

and many other popular drugs can seriously weaken the bone tissue.
Thinners, Marijuana.
Without bones, I cannot revive him.

AH...
If you had stopped his drug abuse,
maybe...
...HIS BONES MIGHT HAVE REMAINED.
Aaahh
...

The poison of your love...
...is what killed him.

WHAT A MISERABLE CREATURE YOU ARE.
WITHOUT BITING YOU CANNOT LIVE.
BUT IF YOU BITE YOU DESTROY YOUR-SELF...

The two-headed snake
Holds a sinful poison...

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A TOWN WHERE SORROW AND DESIRE MINGLE TOGETHER...
Slum Street.
THIS IS WHERE THE MAN CAPABLE OF RESURRECTING THE DEAD RESIDES...
The home of The Necromancer.
EH...

I'VE FOUND YOU...
Necro~ mancer!

第7話
突き動かす欲求
— impulse —

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THE MONEY'S MINE!!!
I WON'T HAND IT OVER TO ANYONE!
Killing him is the only way...
He's lost it
SHI-
SHIT!

GAH!
IS THIS OKAY? YOU KILLED HIM BEFORE YOU COULD GET THE LOCATION OF THE MONEY
OH MY IT SEEMS HIS SPECIAL CHARACTER-ISTIC WAS AMPLIFIED QUITE A BIT
GUH!
Fufu ...
Who will re-surrect him next?

Y-YOU'RE EXPECT ME TO GIVE UP THREE YEARS OF MY LIFE JUST TO ASK THIS TRAITOR A QUESTION? YA THINK I'M AN IDIOT?!
M-ME!?
IT'S YOUR TURN NEXT.
OF COURSE IT IS.
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THIS, ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK WILL BE FOR NOTHING.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT.
MR. BANK ROBBER-SAN.
Guh...
You're the devil...
No.
I don't even measure up to his foot.

As always, you're as merciless as a demon.
You really shouldn't waste humans.

Baby
Faust.

HEEEEY STOLAS, IT'S BEEN AWHILE!
You're the same as always.
She just.. Came out of the shadow...
I've been looking for you.
IT'S YOU AGAIN.
Er... Who is that?
AH...

IT'S JUST A DEMON.
WELL...
AREN'T YOU BEING RATHER COLD?
IF YOU FIND A TOWN WITH SUCH TASTY THINGS YOU SHOULD TELL ME, YOU KNOW?
AND YOU JUST LEFT FOR ANOTHER TOWN WITHOUT EVEN A WORD
MY MOST INSINCERE APOLOGIES.
I'M NOT REALLY A PART OF YOUR INTELLIGENCE NETWORK.
OH-WELL

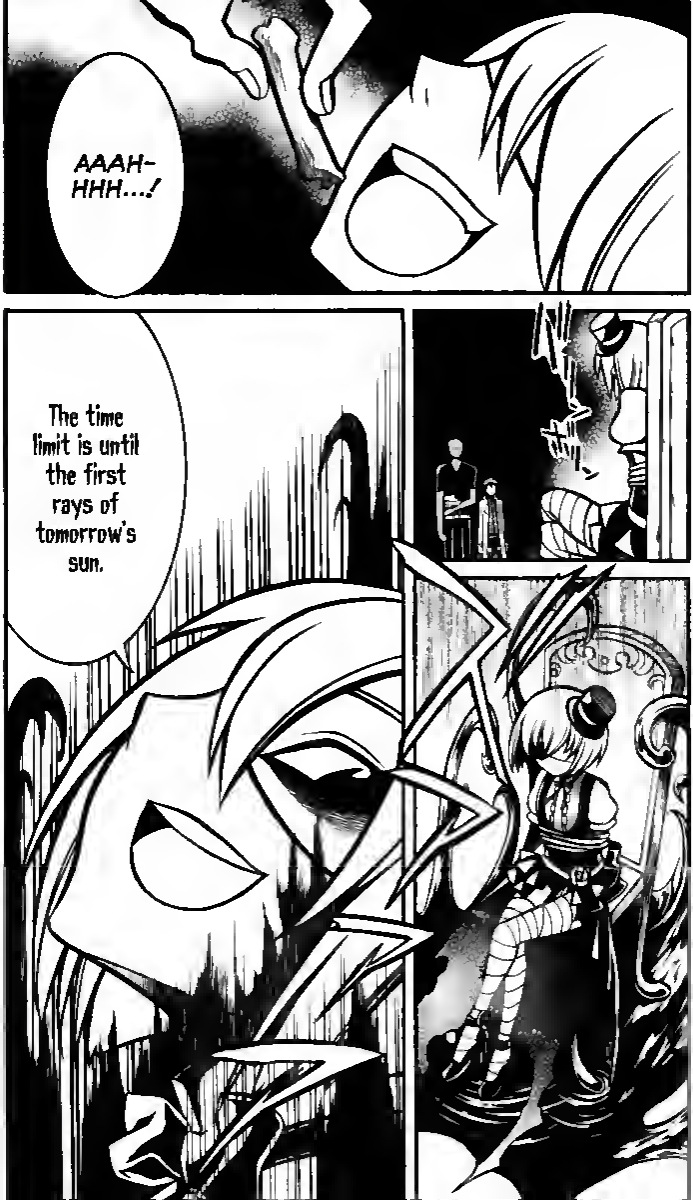
BY THE WAY, YOUR GUESTS...
THEY SEEM TROUBLED, DON'T THEY?
HMM, SO BASICALLY.
YOU THREE WERE ORIGINALLY ONE BIG HAPPY TEAM.
THAT AIMED TO GET RICH QUICK BY ROBBING A BANK.
BUT THAT DEAD GUY BETRAYED YOU.
AND NOW YOU'RE ALL STUCK OBLIVIOUS AS TO WHERE HE HID THE MONEY.
HMM..! THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR ME, DOESN'T IT?
YOU'RE THINKING OF STEALING MY CLIENTS AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

My name is "Knochen-fresserin"
I am a demon with the power to awaken a subject for one day, allowing you to get any information from them.
With the condition that I may eat a bone.
AND UN-LIKE THAT NECROMAN-CER, I ONLY TAKE ONE YEAR OF YOUR LIFE!
T/N NOTE: KNOCHEN-FRESSERIN = BONE EATER
PLUS, THERE'S NO EN-HANCED CHARAC-TERIS-TICS!
How about it then? I'm a better deal than that Necromancer
OH HI!

Better deal huh...
Well then...
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE BARGAIN WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
With this demonic contract...
I'll be taking your life force.

T/N. Itadakimasu. A word that Japanese are saying when they are about to eat
O...
Ou...
NOW ...
ITA-DAKI-MASU.
!!?
ちゅ

OH DEAR, I ONLY TOOK A YEAR FROM HIM AND HE ALREADY COLLAPSES, HOW OUT OF SHAPE
AND... NOW YOU TIE ME UP
OH BABY FAUST! FEED ME A BONE~
IT DIDN'T MATTER WHICH ONE, RIGHT?


AAAH-HHH...!
The time limit is until the first rays of tomorrow's sun.

Good luck asking your questions.
!!?

HEH, YA GOT ME GOOD LAST TIME.
EH, WHAT?
ME?!

HEY MAN...
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT WOUND?!
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
I HID THE STOLEN CASH, BUT YOU FOUND OUT. I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO KILL ME, AND THEN...
HUH?
QUIT YOUR SLEEP TALKING.
THE MONEY...

COULD IT BE THAT I...
EVEN THOUGH YOU AIN'T GOT ANY GUTS, YOU HID THE MONEY AND THEN HAD A WEIRD DREAM ABOUT IT?
CHRIST.
YOU WERE GONNA KEEP IT ALL TO YOURSELF.
SORRY!
I WAS WRONG!
I'LL TELL YOU WHERE THE MONEY'S AT, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

ALRIGHT LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT.
C'MON.
YEAH!
FUFU.
SWEET DREAMS FOR NOW
How is it that his personality is so much different compared to the last time?
WHEN KNOCHEN-FRESSERIN REVIVES SOMEONE, THEY DON'T HARBOUR ANY SPECIAL CHARACTER-ISTICS.
No special characte-ristics you say... So they can change a person that much?
NO...
THOSE REVIVED THROUGH NECRO-MANCY HAVE STRONGER HEARTS COMPARED TO BEFORE... THEIR DESIRES ARE 'AMPLIFIED'.
AND THAT IS WHAT BRINGS FORTH THEIR SPECIAL CHARAC-TERIS-TICS
SO THAT WAS HIS TRUE SELF THEN.

OVER THERE

THOSE WERE FUN TIMES
THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ROBBERY, WHEN WE WERE ALL DRUNK ON THAT CHEAP BOOZE, TALKIN' ABOUT HOW WE'D SOON BE DRINKING THE GOOD STUFF.

HEHE, DO YOU RE-MEM-BER?

ALRIGHT, HOW ARE WE GONNA SPLIT IT?
WELL I WAS IN A RUSH
SO, YOU HID IT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

HERE IT IS

OF COURSE YOU WILL... ME AND HIM'LL SPLIT IT RIGHT DOWN IN THE MIDDLE.
AS A SIGN OF MY APOLOGY, I'LL TAKE A SMALLER SHARE.

NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
HUH?
WHAT ABOUT MY SHARE?

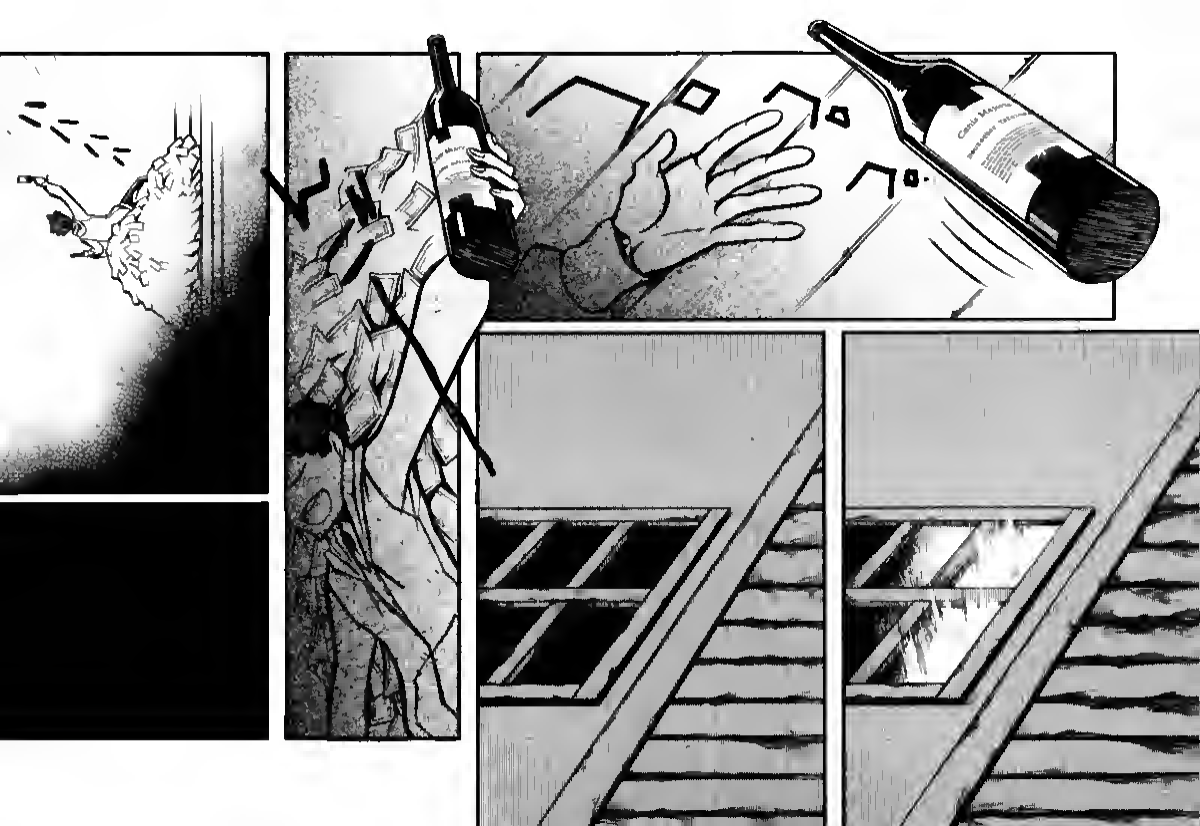
EH?

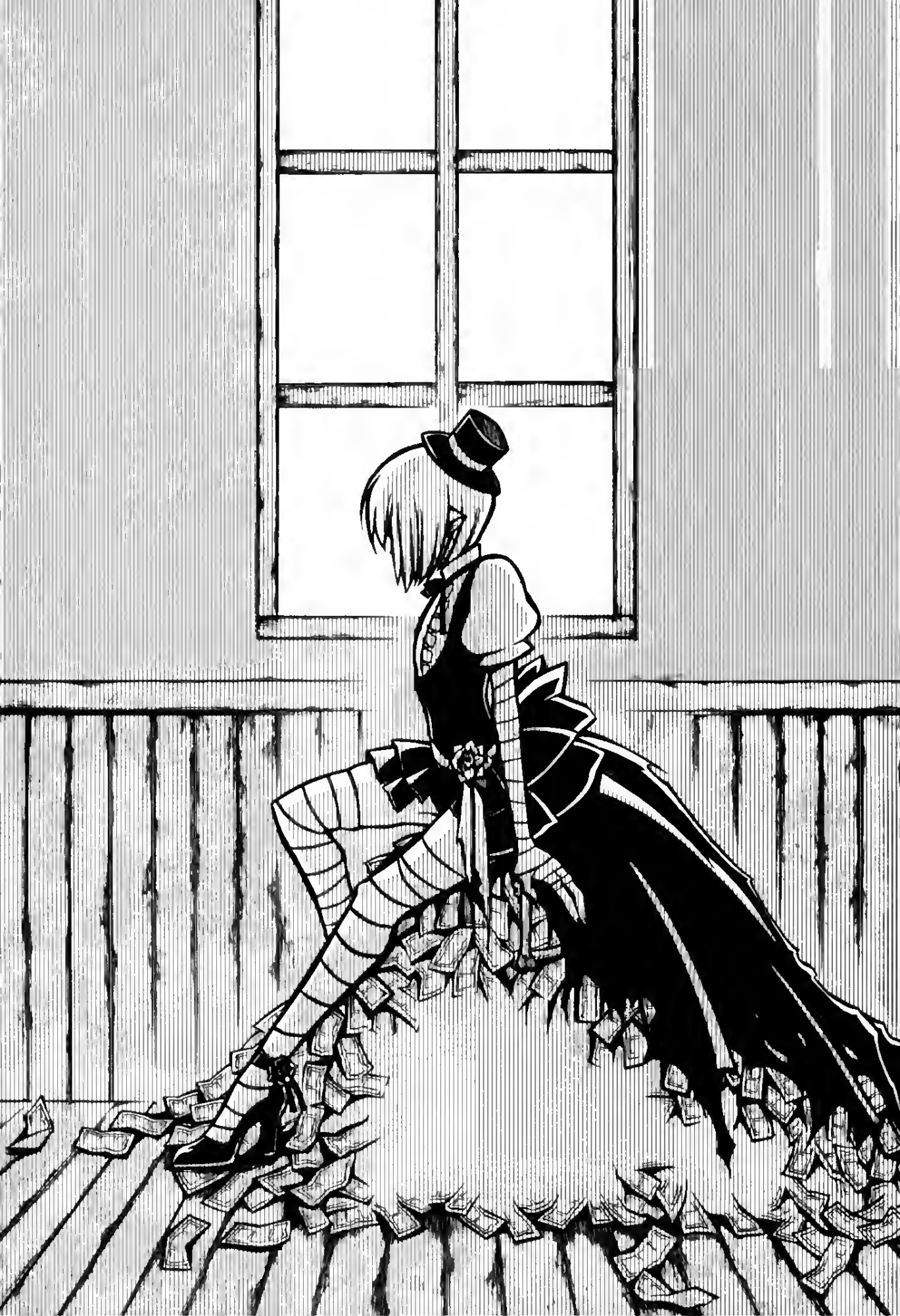
AREN'T WE COM-RADES?
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BETRAYED US.
SHOW US YOUR GOOD FAITH NOW.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT.
WE'RE COM-RADES
HEY, HOW MANY BURGERS DO YA THINK WE CAN BUY WITH THIS MUCH?
OI, OI YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF SPENDING IT ALL ON FOOD ARE YA?
FINE THEN, WE'LL THINK ABOUT HOW WE'LL SPEND IT LATER.
RIGHT ON.

BUT FOR NOW, LET'S EAT.
GHA
!!?
YOU BASTARD... SO YOU'RE A LITERAL BACKSTABBER NOW, ARE YA?!
SORRY ...

I guess ...
I... Value money over my 'comrades'.
It's mine, all mine!
Yahoo!

AH... WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH ALL THIS?
SHOULD I EAT SOME CLASSY FOOD FIRST?
THEN MAYBE GO TO A CASINO AND BE WAITED ON BY GOR-GEOUS WOMEN
HEHE... BUT FOR NOW, I'LL TOAST MYSELF WITH THIS.
TOMORROW, I'LL TAKE THEIR PLACE IN CELEBRAT-ING THE GOOD LIFE!





SO THIS WAS YOUR LIFE...
ABANDONING YOUR FRIENDS FOR AN OBSESSION WITH MONEY.
AND IN THE END, YOUR LIFE ENDED WITHOUT A CHANCE TO USE IT.
Canis Majoris

How foolish.
Wanting such things, even when you are going to die.

IT'S BECAUSE HUMANS ARE CREATURES FILLED WITH DESIRES.
DON'T YOU GET FRUS-TRATED WITH THEM?
HMM...
I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND
THAT'S HOW THEY ARE.
DESIRES THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO THROW THEIR LIVES AWAY TO FUL-FILL.
WELL...
BUT IT'S THANKS TO HUMANS LIKE THIS THAT YOU CAN BE SATIS-FIED, RIGHT?
I DO LOVE THEM.
THESE HUMANS WHO THROW THEIR MOST PRECIOUS LIVES INTO THE GUTTER.

BUT YOU KNOW ME... I DON'T USE NORMAL METHODS OF RESURRECTION...
IF A CONTRACT IS MADE WITH ME EVEN ONCE, THAT PERSON CANNOT BE REVIVED WITH NECROMANCY.
IT'S MY POLICY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM AND GORGE MYSELF ON THEIR SOULS.
REALLY...
WHAT A HORRIBLE BUSINESS.
Well I am a demon.
BY THE WAY...
BABY FAUST...

The desires of demons...
The desires of humans...
And of course,
The desires of the Necromancers who forge contracts with demons.
Whatever could they be, I wonder?

Would probably be incredibly boring to someone like you.
That...
Fufu.
This is why I love Necromancers.

TRY NOT TO DIE BEFORE THAT, OKAY?
I'll definitely eat your soul one of these days.
As if.
Fu fu...

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You there...
What are you doing?

This...
...is where the dead sleep
...and I guard them.

I AM GOING TO HAVE HER RESURRECTED!

P-PLEASE OVERLOOK THIS.
MY WIFE, I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT HER!

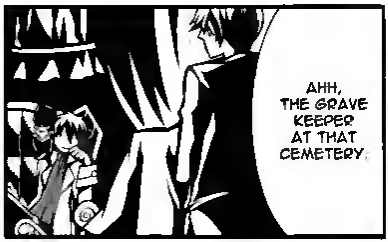
Ah...
Ahh
...

You're taking her to the Necromancer eh?

In that case,
Slum Street,
Back Alley,
Number 53.

OR YOU MIGHT MIXED IN WITH SOME WEIRD PEOPLE
DON'T GET LOST
TH
THANK YOU

第8話
歪な番人（前編）
an ugly guardian


AHH, THE GRAVE KEEPER AT THAT CEMETERY.

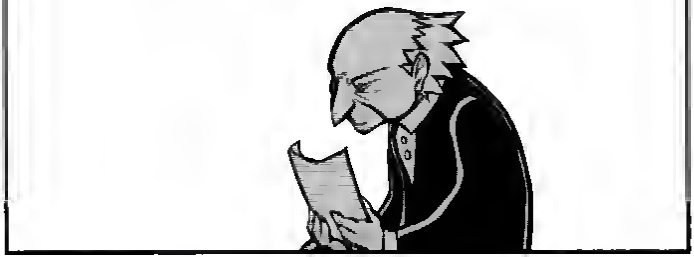
I SEE ...
I REALLY MUST GO PAY HIM MY THANKS THIS TIME.

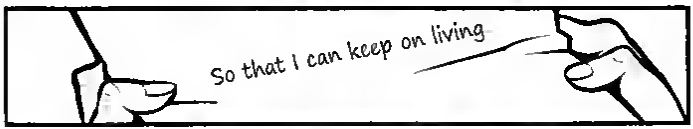
Still...
This recently widowed woman has been coming here every day.

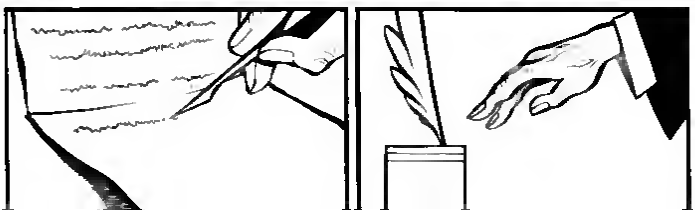
...it's not like he can answer.
And every day she leaves a letter.

To my dearly beloved,

Today a month has passed since I lost you.
You left for work that day,
smiling like you always did,
but you came home cold...
I was told you had dived into the river
to save a drowning child.
Haha . That's so like you isn't it?
I am so proud of that part of you
Darling, please..
Let me keep believing..







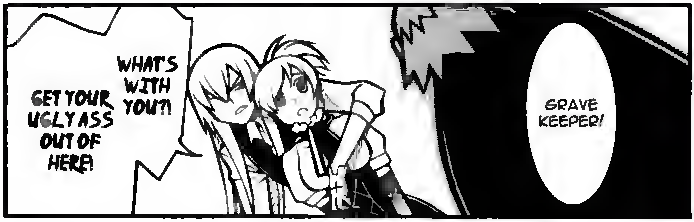
I played the role of the widow's husband in the letters.
Starting on that day...
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF THE GRAVES
GOOD DAY, GRAVE KEEPER
OH, I'M.
JUST DOING MY JOB.

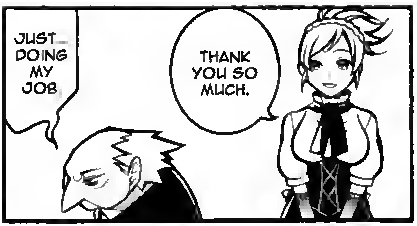
EVEN THOUGH HE IS GONE FROM THIS WORLD, HE WATCHES OVER ME FROM THE OTHER SIDE
LATELY MY HUSBAND HAS BEEN RESPONDING TO MY LETTERS
YOU KNOW,
Is... that so...
THANKS TO.
THE LETTERS...
I'M VERY HAPPY.
THOUGH I CAN NEVER BE WITH HIM
G... Got it.
IF YOU SEE MY HUSBAND, COULD YOU GIVE HIM MY REGARDS?

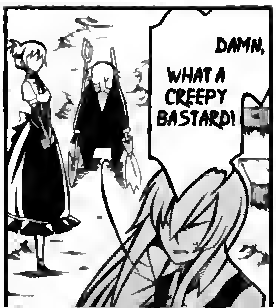
IF YOU DON'T MIND, WOULD YOU KEEP ME COMPANY AGAIN?
WELL THEN, I WILL BE BACK TO-MORROW.
It was the first time...
...somebody stopped to talk to me.

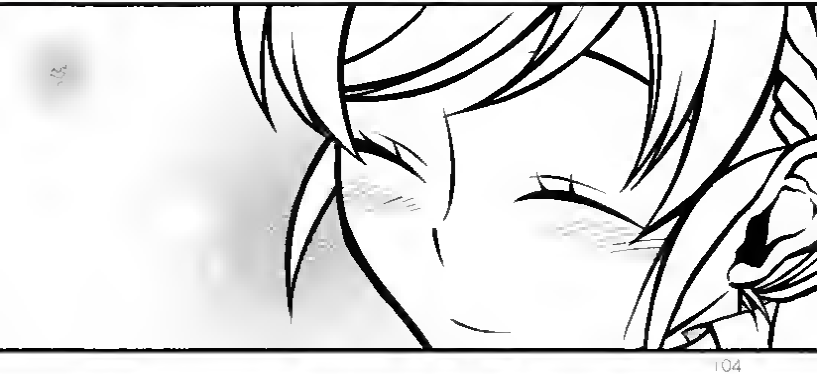
The next day she spoke to me again.
...and the next day, and the day after.
It became a daily occurrence.
It was the first time I ever...
I tricked someone.
I'D BETTER SET TO WORK

P-PLEASE STOP IT.
I HAVE A HUSBAND!
HEY BABE, NO NEED TO BE SO UPTIGHT, LET'S GET A DRINK!
STOP WASTING YOURSELF FOR A CORPSE, FORGET ABOUT HIM
HER HUSBAND
IS ALIVE.
FROM AFAR,
HE SENDS
LETTERS.
HE'S NOT...
DEAD.

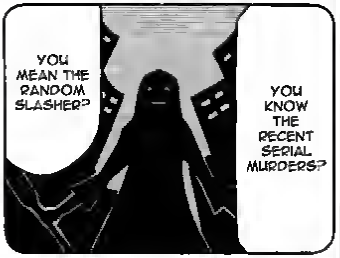

GRAVE KEEPER!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
GET YOUR UGLY ASS OUT OF HERE!


JUST DOING MY JOB.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.


DAMN, WHAT A CREEPY BASTARD!



WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?
THEY 'VE BEEN IN-CREA-SING LATE-LY...

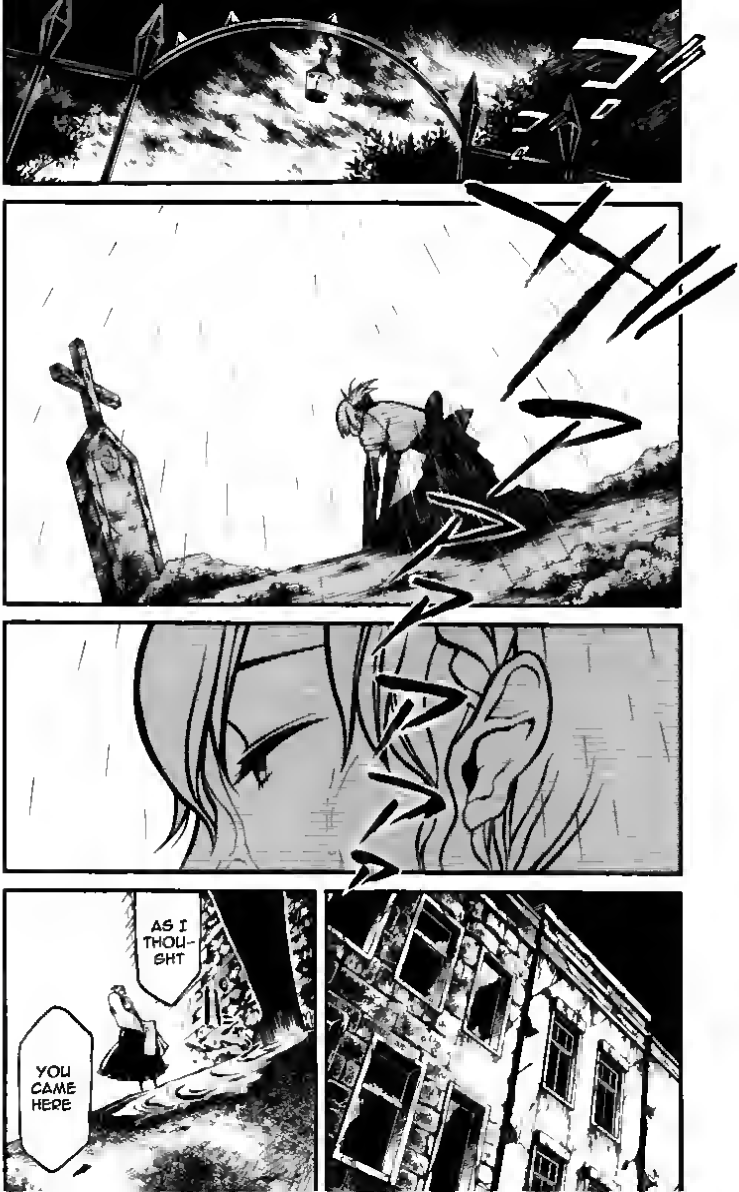

YOU MEAN THE RANDOM SLASHER?
YOU KNOW THE RECENT SERIAL MURDERS?

HOW HOR-RIBLE.
THEY SAY THAT ALL THE VICTIMS HAD THEIR HEADS CUT OFF

OH MY?

NECRO-MANCER?
PRO-BABLY FAMILY
TO TAKE HIM TO THE NECRO-MANCER.
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING?
THIS IS THE GRAVE OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS.
SOME-BODY JUST DUG HIM UP AGAIN.
Why do...
peo-ple cling to
that which is al-ready over ...?
He can...
resur rect the dead
in ex-change for...
a soul.

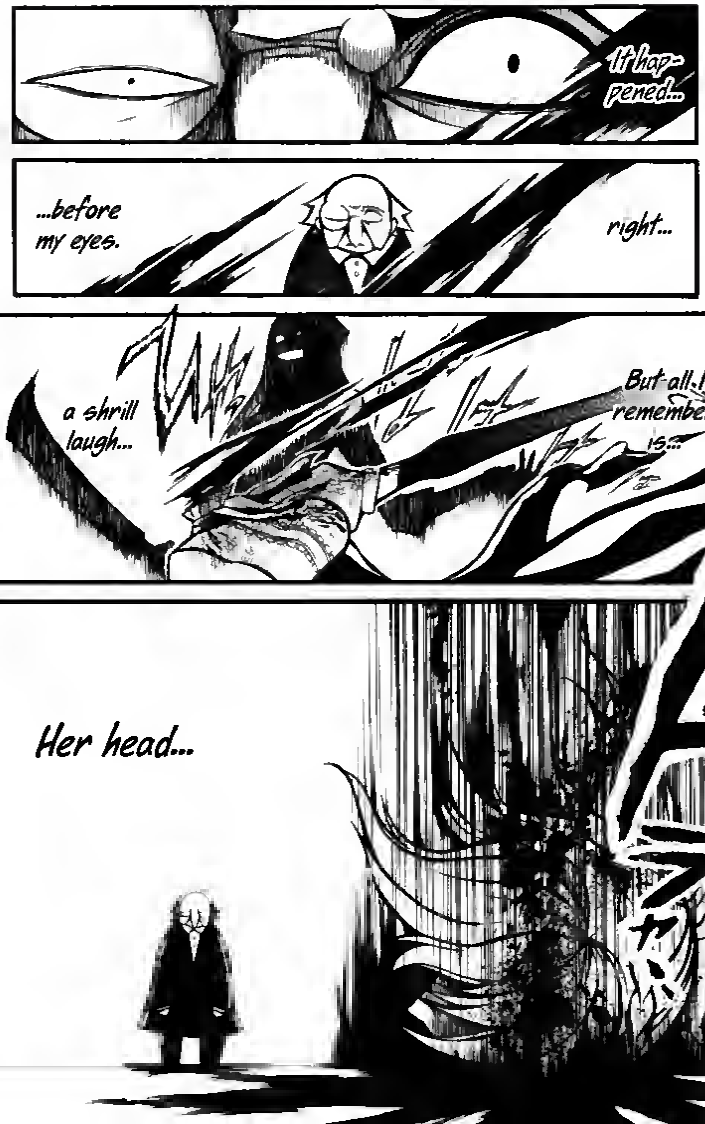
WITH JUST THEIR BONES ...
THEY CAN BE REVIVED?
YOU SHOULDN'T CONCERN YOURSELF ...
WITH SUCH THINGS
IS ..
THAT SO?


AS I THOU-SHT
YOU CAME HERE

TO SEE THE NECRO-MANCER.
GRAVE KEEPER ...
I'M SORRY.
EVEN THOUGH YOU DID YOUR BEST TO CHEER ME UP.
THE REVI-VAL
WILL ERASE
YOUR LIFE.
YOU SHOULD NOT.
ARE YOU WOR-RIED ABOUT ME?
YOU ARE SO KIND.

THE TRUTH IS .
THANKS TO YOU I WAS ABLE TO SMILE AGAIN
AND I THOUGHT I COULD MOVE ON..
BUT..
IN THE END I..
Thank you.
I am glad I met you.

GRAVE
KEEP...


It hap-
pened...
...before
my eyes.
right...
a shrill
laugh...
But all I
remember
is...
Her head...

And...
...that followed.
the red rain...
So then...

THIS IS...
THE FEELING OF LOSING SOMEONE PRECIOUS.

ANOTHER MURDER ON SLUM STREET?
YES?
JACK THE RIP-PER!
RI-COTT!
I'M ON IT!

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This is...
What it is to lose someone precious.

第9話
歪な番人（後編）
an ugly guardian

1 week later...
ANOTHER FLASHY ONE, AS USUAL...
THE M.O. FOR THE MURDERS JUST KEEPS CHANGING.
THE ONLY SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE MURDERS IS THAT THE VICTIMS' HEADS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OFF.
THIS MAKES 39 PEOPLE
VICTIMS RANGE FROM THEIR 20'S TO 30'S YEARS OLD, MALE AND FEMALE. NO CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER.
STORIES ABOUT THIS BASTARD ARE ALL OVER TOWN.

Jack the Ripper

Slum Street
The Town where sorrow and desires meet.
There lives the Necromancer, who can resurrect the dead.
AAHH, I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS...
People come to see those they wish to meet one more time
BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE
Like today...
OI! WHY WON'T YOU RESURRECT HER?!
I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING!
IT'S NOT AN ISSUE OF MONEY.
IF EVEN A SINGLE BONE IS MISSING, NECROMANCY WON'T WORK!
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!
I BEG OF YOU!
THIS PERSON...!
GAAAHHH!

DETE-CTIVE ?!
AH...
MISS DETE-CTIVE
I- I JUST CAME OVER HERE OUT OF CURIOSITY-
I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING
LOOKS TROUBLE-SOME
INDEED IT IS
FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS THERE HAS BEEN A FLOOD OF PEOPLE TRYING TO HAVE JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTIMS RESURRECTED.
I TRY TO GET IT THROUGH THEIR HEADS THAT I CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT ALL THE BONES, BUT THEY JUST GET ANGRY.
There is no way Asutsuo could be the culprit.
HONESTLY! WHAT ARE THE POLICE FORCE UP TO THESE DAYS! DO YOUR JOB, PLEASE!

WE CAN'T GET ANY-THING DONE LIKE THIS.
IT'S UNPRO-FESSIONAL, BUT I HAVE TO CLOSE THE SHOP FOR A WHILE.
Necro-mancer ...
I'M SORRY, WE'RE CLOSED TODAY.
Something stinks here...
OH, IT'S YOU
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS REFERRING CUSTOMERS TO ME
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE TODAY?
THE CONDI-TIONS... OF RESUR-RECTION ...
IF ALL THE BONES ARE GA-THERED TOGE-THER
You can do it, right?

Who...is this?
He isn't carrying a corpse.
IS THAT SO...
YES.
Jack the Ripper
has a pretty face...
and done-up hair.
Do what you will...
Just be careful.
.....

HE HE...
KYAA AAAAA AAA!
HELP!

SO IT REALLY IS YOU...
KYAA AAA!
AH!
CAUGHT IN THE ACT!
GIVE YOURSELF UP!
OH MYYY
WHAT'S GOING ON, MISS DETECTIVE?
IT'S JACK THE RIPPER HURRY UP AND RUN
EHHH,
BUT JACK THE RIPPER
Jack the Ripper

IS MUCH MORE HAND-SOME.
EH!!

EHH, YOU'VE GOT A CUTE FACE MISS DETE-CTIVE
GR AH!
I WON'T LET YOU.
AND YOUR HAIR IS JUST MY TYPE.
I THINK I'LL ADD YOUR MOMENT OF BEAUTY TO MY COLLECTION.
HU~ UH?
YOU WON'T ?
HA, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! YOU'RE JUST AN UGLY GRAVE KEEPER.

YOU...
THAT TIME...
YOU WERE THAT PERSON--
HM MM, I SEE NOW
AND JACK,
JACK THE RIPPER ONLY TARGETS WOMEN; THE ONE WHO'S BEEN COPYING MY STYLE AND GOING AROUND KILLING RAPISTS, WAS YOU.
THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, IS HERE
UGGH
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE WAY TOO OLD TO GET IN MY WAY
GIVE HER BACK
BESIDES, I PRESERVED HER BEAUTY FOR ALL ETERNITY DION'T I? YOU SHOULD REALLY BE THANKING ME FOR IT!
HUH?
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
ANYWAY, THAT WIDOW WOULD NEVER HAVE GONE FOR AN UGLY ASS LIKE YOU!
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD HAVE HER?

SHE WAS
REALLY CARE
ABOUT THAT
I DON'T
He is so creepy...
Yaah Yaah, it's a monster
is really haunted isn't it?
This cemetery...
Mister Grave Keeper!

To speak to me...
...she was the first...
...to smile at me!
WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER SMILE AGAIN
I...
That is all.

HAH, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN MAKE A CORPSE SMILE-
Yes there is.
What are you doing?
ASU-TSUO!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
HONESTLY

THIS LOAN WILL BE EXPENSIVE...
BABY FAUST
WHO ARE YOU?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
THANKS TO YOU, MY SHOP IS COMPLETELY OVERRUN WITH CUSTOMERS

NO MATTER WHAT I TELL THEM, THE IDIOTS ARE JUST SO PUSHY.
BECAUSE OF THAT, I HAD TO CLOSE DOWN MY BUSINESS.
YOU OWE ME QUITE A BIT FOR THIS.
HOW ABOUT...
SO THEN...
Whoa, he's getting serious!
PAYING OFF YOUR DEBT?

HEY,
HALT!
AHH!
UHH!
GAH!

EEK!
DON'T KILL HIM!

Where is she?

ON... ON THE TOP OF THE 49TH STREET CLOCK TOWER...
WAIT, HALT!
IS THAT SO...
.....
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.
EVEN THOUGH HE ISN'T JACK THE RIPPER, HE'S STILL A MURDE-RER.
IF I LET HIM GET AWAY ...!
IF I HAD TO SAY, HE'S A "GARGOYLE."

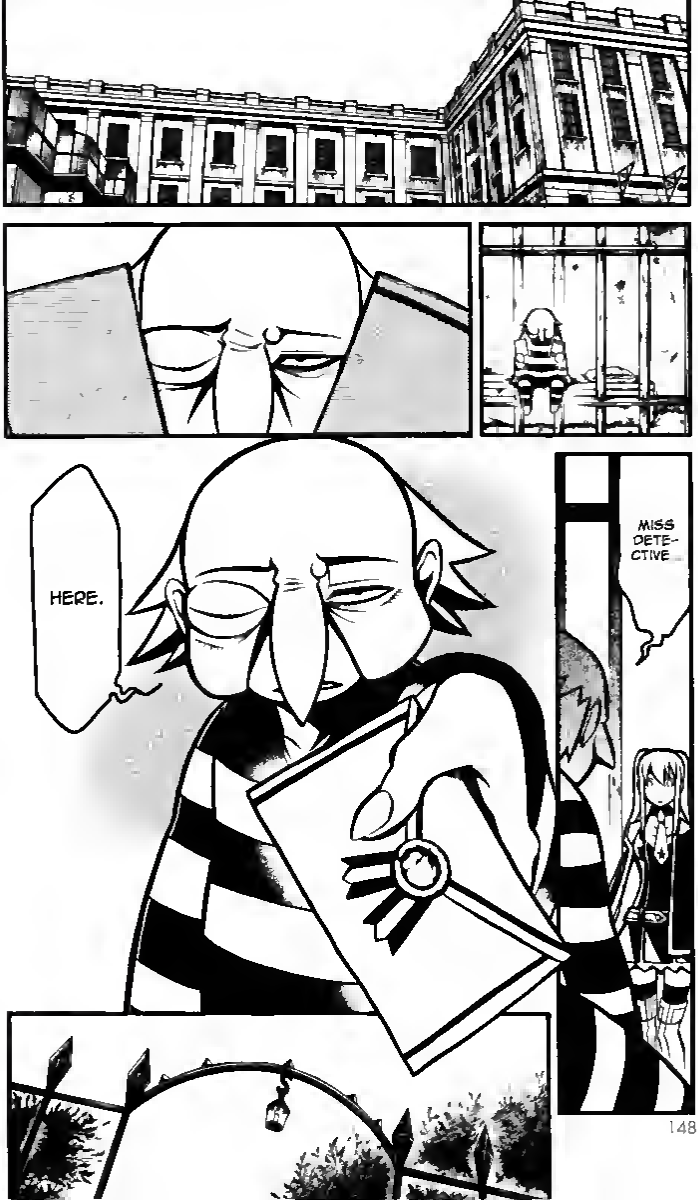
A CARVED DEMON, MADE TO PROTECT A BUILDING FROM DISASTER
THEIR EXPRESSIONS ARE SO FEARSOME THAT THEY HAVE GONE OUT OF FASHION.
AND SO THEY HAVE LOST THEIR ORIGINAL POWER
IF A PERSON IS ABLE TO SEE PAST THEIR FORM AND ACCEPT THEM...
NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE LEGENDS ABOUT THEM THAT SAY..

IT WILL PROTECT THAT PERSON WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR ITS SELF...
THERE!
BECOMING THE PERFECT GUARDIAN.

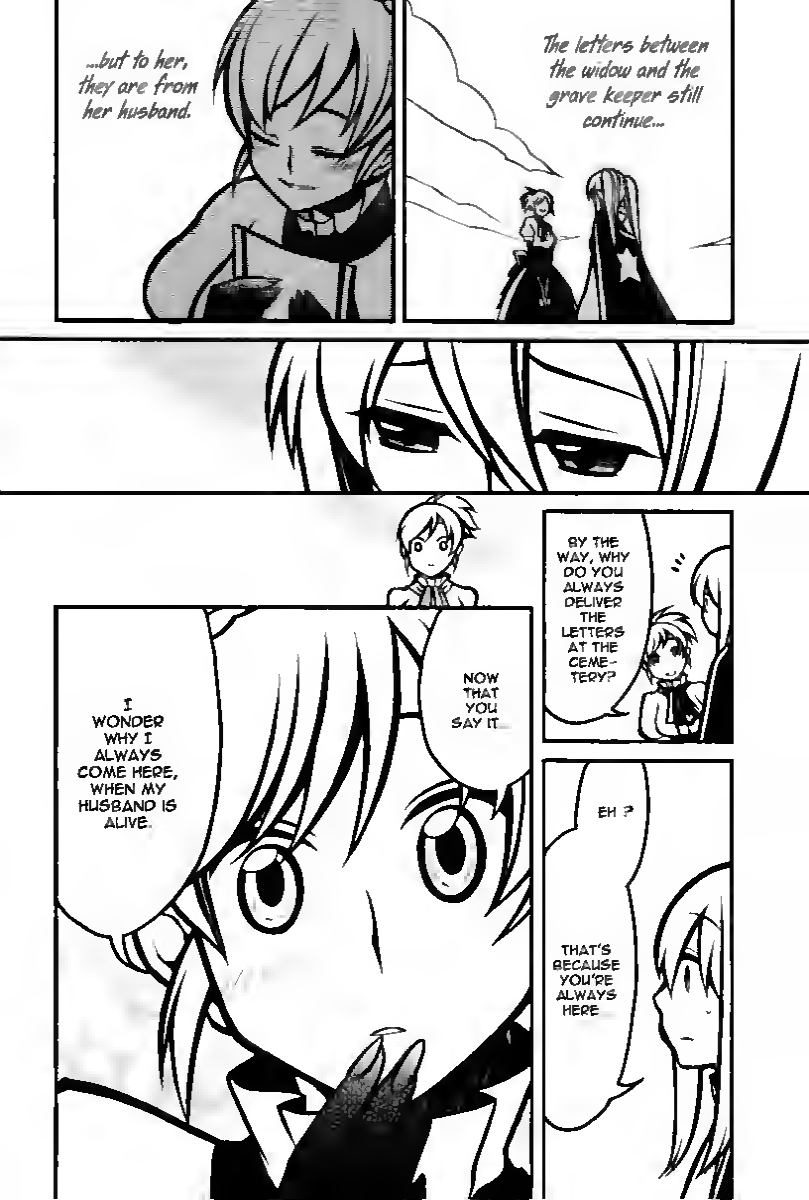
FINALLY...

I FINALLY...
FOUND YOU.
GRAVE KEEPER
MISS DETE-CTIVE GIVE ME SOME TIME
NECRO MANCE R...
PLEASE RESUR-RECT THIS PERSON
VERY WELL THEN
As the devils contract demands...

I will be taking your soul.


HERE.
MISS DETE-CTIVE...

AH, MISS DETE-CTIVE
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS DELIVERING MY HUSBAND'S LETTERS
OH, IT'S NOTHING REALLY
My husband has been helping the police with their work recently!
The resurrected widow doesn't remember anything about the grave keeper.
It's lonely not being able to see him, but the letters make me happy!
According to Asutsuo, her difficulty in life accepting her husband's death was strengthened to the point where she forgot everything related to it, including the grave keeper
The Grave Keeper doesn't know this...


...but to her, they are from her husband.
The letters between the widow and the grave keeper still continue...
BY THE WAY, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DELIVER THE LETTERS AT THE CEME-TERY?
EH ?
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS HERE
NOW THAT YOU SAY IT...
I WONDER WHY I ALWAYS COME HERE, WHEN MY HUSBAND IS ALIVE.

HEEHEE, IT'S STRANGE ISN'T IT?

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NOBODY KNOWS THAT YOU WERE HERE...
EVERYBODY KNOWS OF YOUR EXIS-TENCE...
THESE ARE
The traces of your lives.

第10話

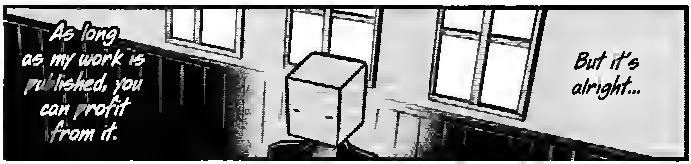
外伝 物語

— the thing which hands it down —

YOUR STORIES RECEIVED SOME AMAZING REVIEWS, SIR!
YOUR POPULAR SUBJECTS HAVE MADE YOUR STORIES INTO BESTSELLERS!
HEH, OF COURSE!
. . .
WELL...
YOU ARE?
I KNOW, THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO TRY WRITING SOMETHING APPEALING CHILDREN.
IT'S A REAL SHAME THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A WIDER AUDIENCE.
THAT'S GOOD! I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE MET SUCH A THOUGHTFUL PERSON.

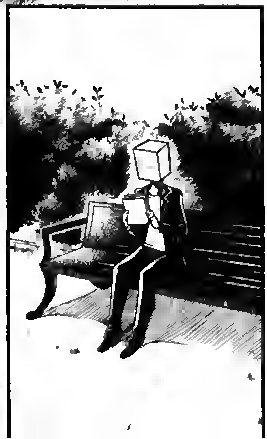
I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS
HEH...
WELL THEN, I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT WORK
BUT HE'S EASY TO HANDLE, SO THAT'S A PLUS
WELL, HIS REAL FACE CAN'T BE AS STUPID LOOKING AS THAT BOX HE'S WEARING
I know...

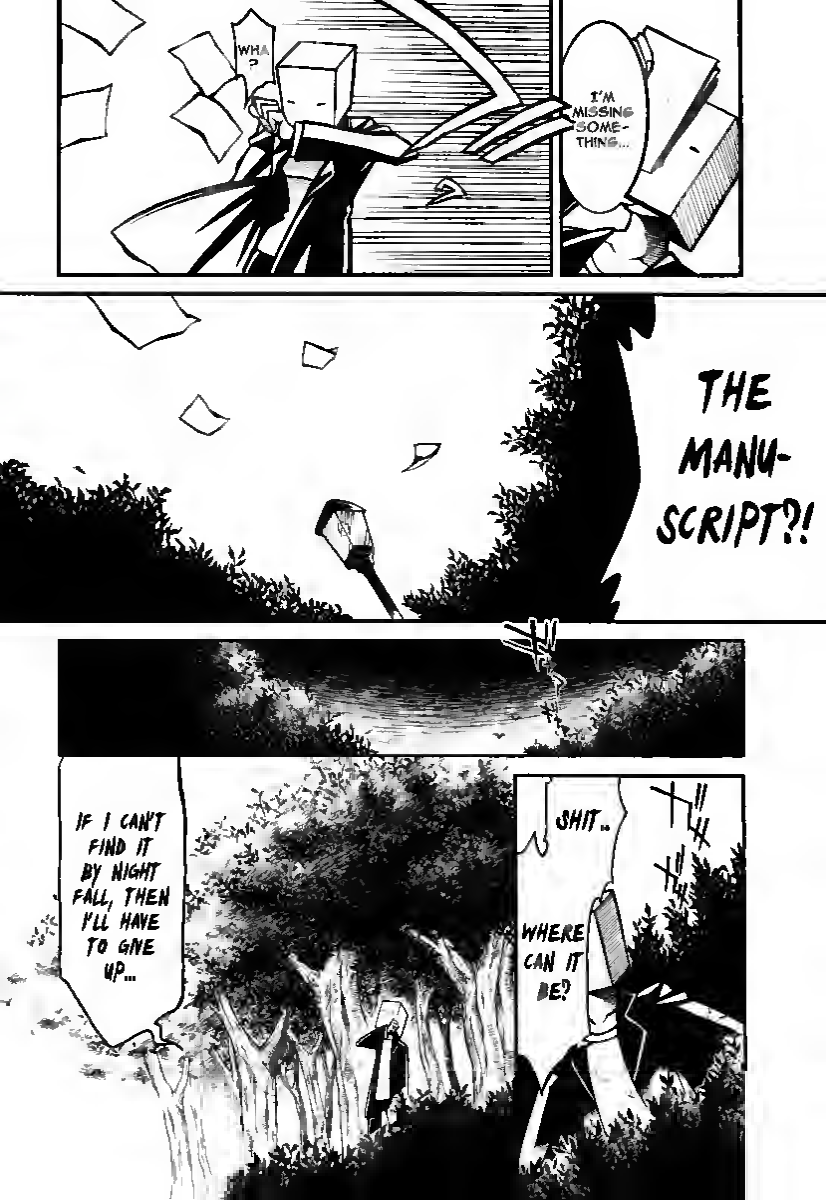
Everything you tell me is a bald-faced lie...
To you, I am nothing more than a money maker...


As long as my work is published, you can profit from it.
But it's alright...

We both use each other.

SOMETHING CHILDREN WOULD LIKE ..



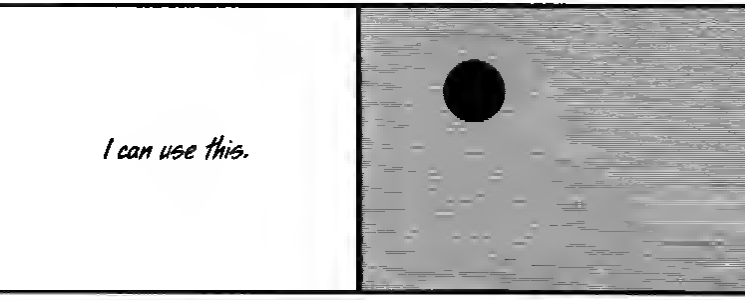

WHA-?
I'M MISSING SOME-THING...
THE MANU-SCRIPT?!
IF I CAN'T FIND IT BY NIGHT FALL, THEN I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP...
SHIT..
WHERE CAN IT BE?

I've got a good feeling about this.
ニヤニヤ
What the hell am I doing...?

IS—
THAT
MY MANU-SCRIPT!
WHAT HAPPE-NED TO THE TWO WEIRD HIGHWAY-MEN?!

And that's how I met them...
BY THE WAY
'CAUSE WE WANNA KNOW WHAT HAPPENS
WHY ARE YOU TWO IN MY HOUSE?
I'M GOING TO PUBLISH IT, SO WAIT UNTIL IT COMES OUT AND BUY IT!
WE CAN'T! WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY!
ANYWAYS, YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOME GOOD STORIES!
EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A NOVELIST?
I ALREADY AM A BEST-SELLING ONE AT THAT

YOU DON'T KNOW ME?
What a weak reaction!
HMMM MMM MN...
NO, I DON'T THINK I DO.
WE LIVE IN THE SLUMS, SO WE DON'T HAVE MANY BOOKS.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SO MANY BOOKS LINED UP LIKE THIS.
THERE'S A PRETTY PICTURE OF A FLOWER IN HERE!
Whoa, I can't understand this one.
Brother and sister from the slums...
Young... kids...


I can use this.

Really?!
YOU CAN COME OVER EVERY DAY.
FINE THEN.
OLD ...!?
THANKS OLD MAN!
I LIKE THESE TWINS
NO-ONE ELSE IS WRITING CHARA-CTERS LIKE THIS
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

WELL A LOT DID...
A HERO WHO WAS RESURRE-CTED IN THE SLUMS...
HE WAS RESURRECTED BY A WIZARD CALLED "THE NECROMANCER" WHO LIVES IN SLUM STREET.
A BAD POLICEMAN SET A TRAP FOR HIM AND HE DIED, BUT HE CAME BACK FROM THE WORLD OF THE DEAD
IS THIS A FAIRY-TALE?
EVERY-THING IS TRUE
IN THE STORY I HEARD, THE WIZARD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO FLY LIKE A BIRD, AND HE FLEW OFF INTO THE SKY.
So cool!
THEN HE BEAT UP THE BAD GUYS LIKE "WHAM-O" "KA-POW" AND IN THE END HE VANISHED IN GUST OF WIND!

WHAT IF YOU HAD HIM ALWAYS WEAR A MASK?
A hero needs to be mysterious!
THEY SAY HE ALWAYS WORE A SCARF, BUT I THINK A CAPE IS WAY COOLER!
THIS IS FASCINATING! CAN YOU DESCRIBE HIM TO ME?
YOU'RE IDEAS ARE INTERESTING
HOW ABOUT THIS?
Ooo ooh!!
AWESOME, OLD MAN!
This will sell.

WHY DO SUCH THINGS HAPPEN?
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME CHILDREN WERE PLAYING ON A LEDGE AND FELL OFF.
HUFF,
HUFF...

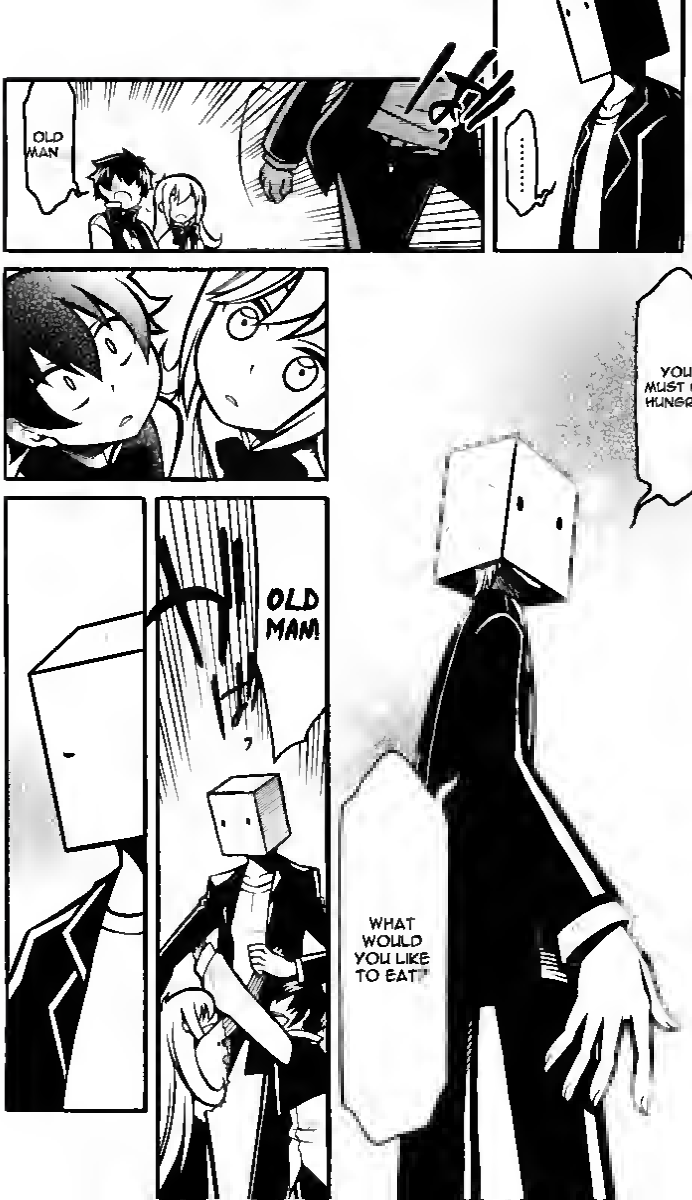
HERO...
THEY SAY THE CHILDREN WERE PLAYING HERO ON A HIGH LEDGE AND LOST THEIR FOOTING.
He was resurrected by the wizard called "The Necromancer", who lives in Slum Street.
THE NECRO-MANCER OF SLUM STREET...
Welcome.

RESURRECT THESE CHILDREN!
BUT YOU WILL...
NECROMANCY REQUIRES THREE YEARS OF ONES LIFE FOR A SINGLE PERSON.
ARE YOU TRULY OKAY WITH LOSING SIX YEARS OF YOUR LIFE AT ONCE?
YES ...
WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR THESE RANDOM BRATS...
FU FU...
YOU'RE SO KIND-HEARTED.

I... I JUST CAN'T WRITE WITHOUT MY MOTIF...
THAT'S ALL!
ALRIGHT THEN.
AS THE DEVIL'S CONTRACT DEMANDS...
I'll be taking your soul.

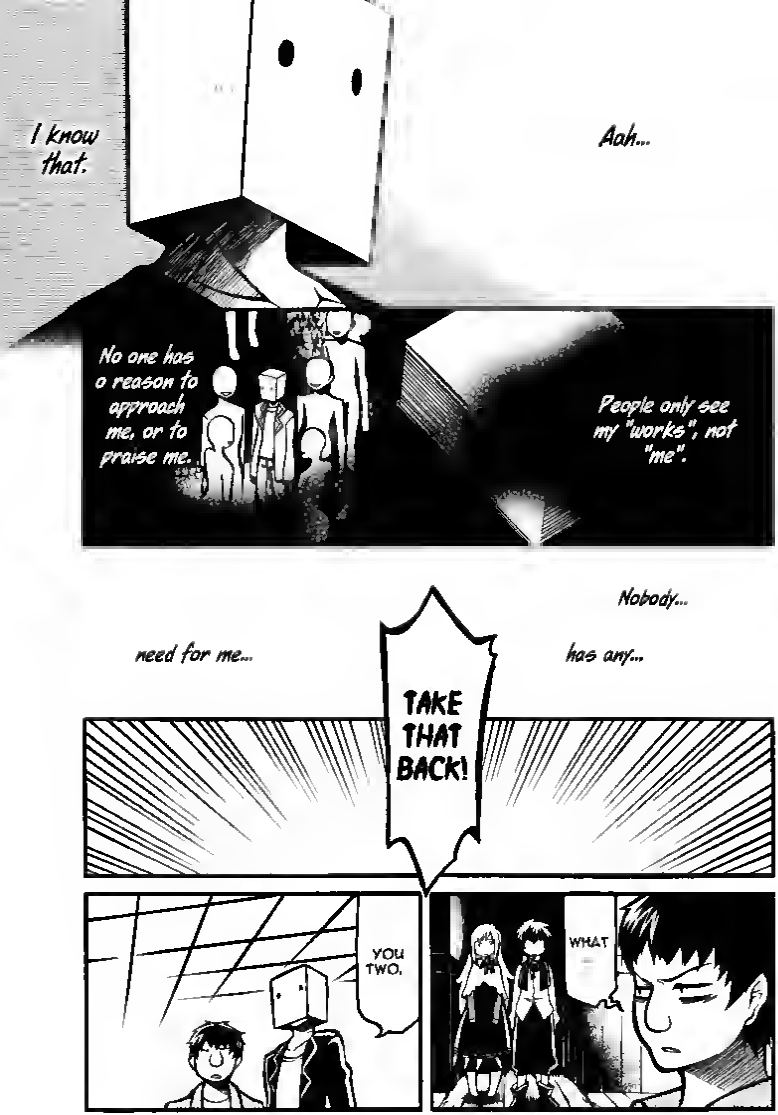
UGH
HUH...?
I REME-MBER FALLING FROM THE LEDGE AND...
YOU TWO...
OLD MAN...
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU TWO THINKING...?
UHM...
WHEN YOU WROTE THE STORY OF THE HERO...

I WAS...
really happy...
THAT YOU SAID OUR IDEAS WERE INTERESTING SO WE FIGURED...
IF WE SAW THINGS FROM THE HERO'S PERSPECTIVE,
WE COULD BE EVEN MORE HELP...
THAT'S WHY WE WERE...
WE...
WE'RE SORRY.
THAT WAS VERY STUPID...


OLD MAN
.....
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY
OLD MAN!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT?

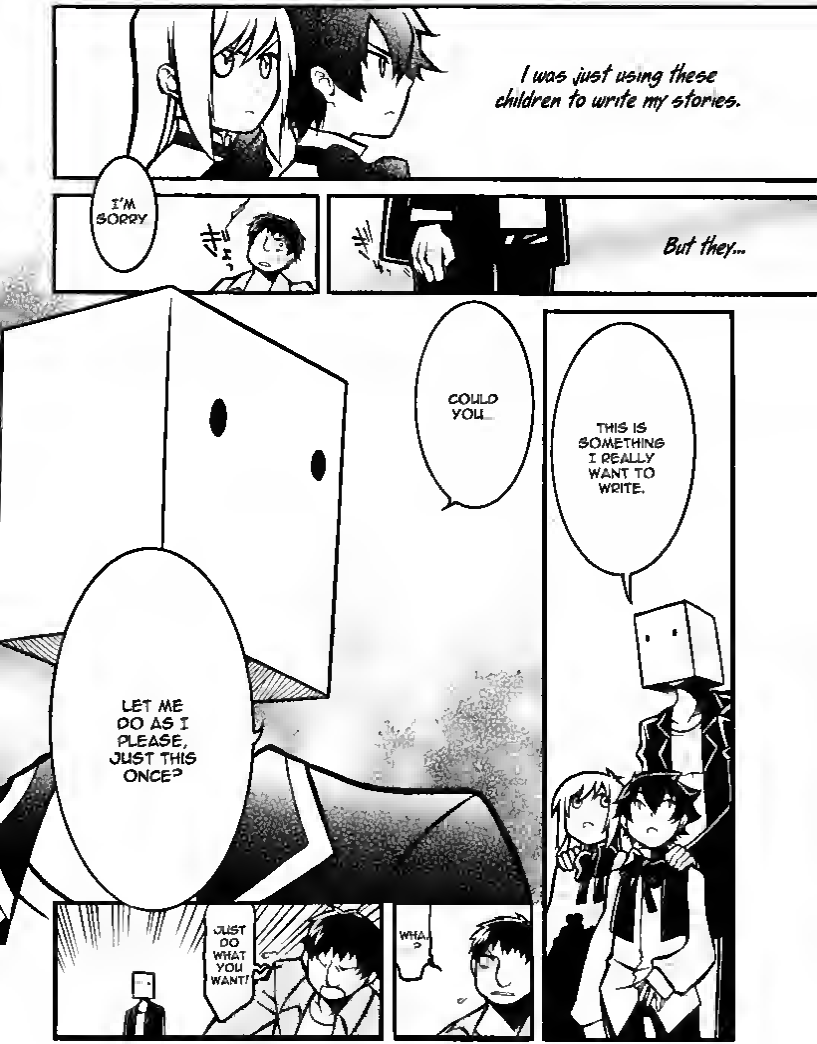
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME?
WELL, I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE SOME CONCRETE RULES FOR THE MAGIC TO FOLLOW.
Maybe they're actually just a doll brought to life or have some kind of special tool for training...
Seriously... Children can be so stupid.
I'M WRITING THIS FOR CHILDREN
WE DON'T WANT SOME STUPID BRATS DOING SOMETHING DANGEROUS TRYING TO IMITATE THE CHARACTERS
HUH? YOU WANT TO COMPLETELY CHANGE THE SETTING?

THE WHOLE SETTING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A EXCITING ADVENTURE WITH FLASHY MAGIC!
SOMETHING THIS PLAIN WON'T DO AT ALL!
I KNOW
BUT... I'VE DECIDED
SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE STUBBORN AGAIN...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION?! WE PROVIDE YOU WITH A LOT OF MONEY!
IF YOU DON'T SELL, THEN YOU ARE JUST A NUISANCE!


I know that.
Aah...
No one has a reason to approach me, or to praise me.
People only see my "works", not "me".
Nobody...
need for me...
has any...
TAKE THAT BACK!
YOU TWO.
WHAT

HUH?
WHAT A BRAT LIKE YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
WHO CARES IF IT DOESN'T SELL!
HE'S NOT JUST A DRAIN!
IT'S OKAY CHILDREN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS
THIS OLD MAN SHOWED A COUPLE OF KIDS FROM THE SLUMS LIKE US SO MANY STORIES
WE'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN SINCE WE MET HIM
HE EVEN LISTENS TO WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY
IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY

WE LOVE THIS OLD MAN
And we won't forgive you if you're mean to him!


I was just using these children to write my stories.
But they...
I'M SORRY
THIS IS SOMETHING I REALLY WANT TO WRITE.
COULD YOU...
LET ME DO AS I PLEASE, JUST THIS ONCE?
WHA...?
JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT!

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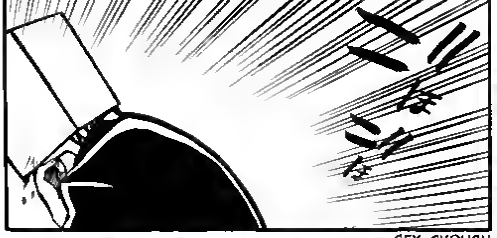
OLD MAN
THANK YOU...
WHAT'S WRONG?
OLD MAN?
They need me here...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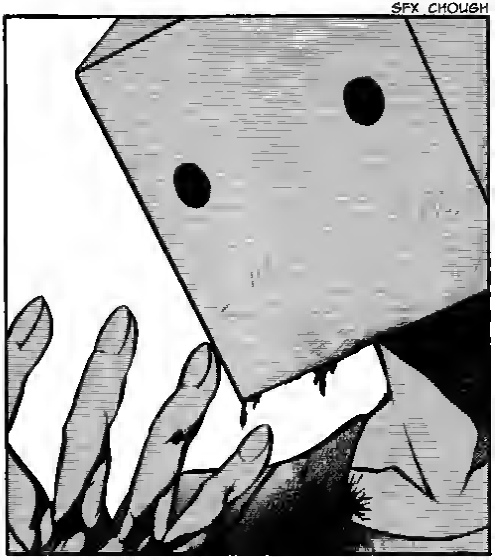
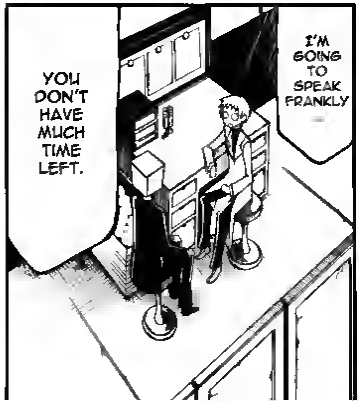
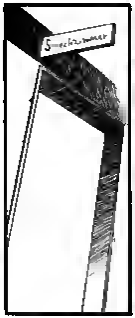
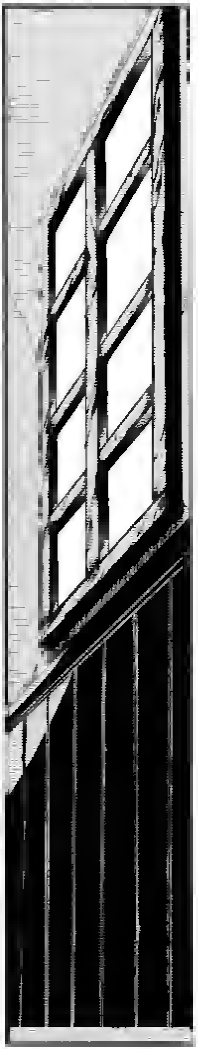



I'M GOING TO SPEAK FRANKLY
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.





I'm
going
to die?

Ooh, You're so good at drawing.
Look at this one.
Speaking of which...
These children will also die.

I'M ADDING SOMETHING TO MY CURRENT STORY.
WHAT ARE YOU WRI-TING?
I'M WRITING YOU TWO INTO IT
REALLY?!
I WANT TO BE A WIZARD WHO BEATS UP ALL THE BAD GUYS!
I WANT TO FLY THROUGH THE SKY!
OKAY
OKAY

That's right.
People might not want to read what I want to write, but...
All I can do is write.
This is something that I want to do.
This is the legacy I will leave...
My last story.

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YOU KNOW WHAT...
I NEVER ASKED YOU FOR YOUR NAMES
YOU JUST NOTICED THAT?
HEHE!
OUR NAMES ARE...

WE'RE SORRY MISTER..
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?
OW WW CH!
OOO PS!
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING HERE?

We're pretending to be the main characters, who're magic dolls!
It's from a really popular novel!
EH?
AND WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES?
THEIR NAMES

In the cover
Geschichten über die Makelhafte
Stones about the Malkehaften

Kind des Gifts, Kind des Lichts
Child of poison, Child of light

TN: This chapter is a cross-over with Hakonuya Kei (the guy with the box on his head). You can read the adventures of Juju and Lila in "Dekisokonai Monogatari".

誰もあなた方がいた事を知らないのに
誰もがあなた方の存在を知っている

— the thing which hands it down —

AFTERWORD

Hello, this is Soga Shiina

Thank you very much for buying volume 2 of "Necromancer"
As this book goes on sale in March of 2010, I realize that I have been writing this for exactly an entire year

Time has gone so quickly, I am shocked. Necromancer has gone on for one year through happy times and hard times. And I also got an unexpected opportunity to form new connections

Hakomiya Ker-sensei sent me an email asking me "would you like to do a collaboration". I was very excited, he let me draw the collaboration (Necromancer Chapter 10) and gave me much undeserved help and advice. I am truly thankful

@ The themes of volume 2 are "What will I leave behind?" and "Can I leave something behind?".
I wonder if "people" have a unique thing they can accomplish in their lives.
In Chapters 8 and 9, the Widow winds up forgetting about the Grave Keeper, but there is a possibility that "something" may remain in her heart. And in the tenth chapter, with Hakomiya sensei as the novelist character. People in that world don't notice Kistenmann, Juju, or Lila while they live.But as characters in a story, they leave a trace of themselves in people's hearts. Great or small, people inherit the wills of others in their lives. Maybe someone who I have met in my life will wind up, like Kistenmann and the Children, as a character in a story

Good things, bad things, every meeting and event, people create these themselves.
Everyone has definitely left an influence on somebody else. But it can be a bit hard to truly believe this, can't it..

I don't know if I have really left anything inside anyone, but somebody has left something inside of me.
The meetings, experiences and feelings I had with that person, gave me many things. I want to leave something behind, so I draw manga. This is the "traces of my life". Perhaps this is my unique accomplishment.

And finally, I'm really thankful that you stayed with me.
I would be very happy if "Necromancer" could leave "something" inside of you

Please look forward to volume 3.

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虎達ちゃん⑥~⑩
クマ吉さん⑧~⑨

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みずあめさん⑩
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天音礼央奈ちゃん⑦
山本さん⑧~⑩

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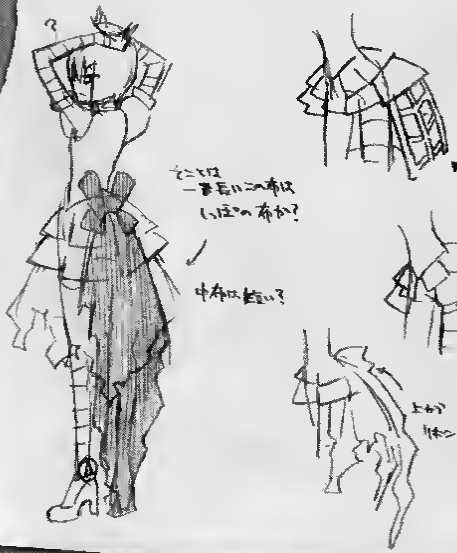

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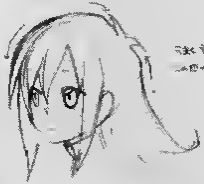
Kistenmann



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Lilla